

Abstract of the Disclosure

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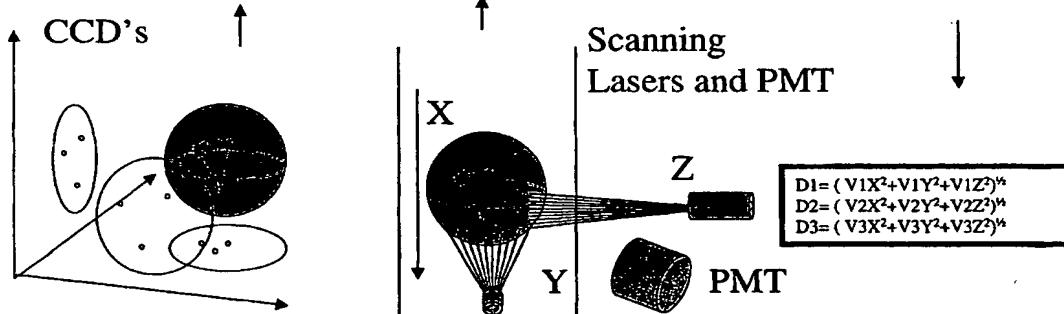
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(54) Title: SPATIALLY ENCODED POLYMER MATRIX

Spatial encoding of beads

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \begin{array}{l}
 Y_1, Z_1; Y_2, Z_2; Y_3, Z_3 \\
 X_1, Z_1; X_2, Z_2; X_3, Z_3 \\
 X_1, Y_1; X_2, Y_2; X_3, Y_3
 \end{array}
 \longrightarrow
 \begin{array}{l}
 X_1, Y_1, Z_1 \\
 X_2, Y_2, Z_2 \\
 X_3, Y_3, Z_3
 \end{array}
 \longrightarrow
 \begin{array}{l}
 V_1 = (V_1 X, V_1 Y, V_1 Z) = X_1 - X_2, Y_1 - Y_2, Z_1 - Z_2 \\
 V_2 = (V_2 X, V_2 Y, V_2 Z) = X_1 - X_3, Y_1 - Y_3, Z_1 - Z_3 \\
 V_3 = (V_2 X, V_2 Y, V_2 Z) = X_2 - X_3, Y_2 - Y_3, Z_2 - Z_3
 \end{array}
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